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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA ARMS EMBARGO COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE  
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1. THE SOUTH AFRICA ARMS EMBARGO COMMITTEE MET PM JUNE 27  
TO HEAR A STATEMENT BY LESLIE HARRIMAN (NIGERIA), CHAIRMAN  
OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID. AS EXPECTED,  
HARRIMAN'S HOUR-LONG SPEECH, MADE AT HIS OWN REQUEST, WAS  
EXTREMELY CRITICAL OF "THE WEST". HIS TONE, HOWEVER, WAS  
MORE ACADEMIC THAN INFLAMMATORY. HE TERMED THE ARMS

EMBARGO "A LITTLE STEP THAT CAME TOO LATE"; ASKED SEVERAL TIMES WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO IMPLEMENT IT; AND CALLED FOR "ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ENSURE A MORE EFFECTIVE ARMS EMBARGO".

2. WHILE THE CRITICISM WAS LEVELLED AT THE WEST IN GENERAL, FRANCE AND ISRAEL WERE MOST FREQUENTLY SINGLED OUT. HARRIMAN ASKED REPEATEDLY WHAT ACTION FRANCE HAD TAKEN REGARDING SPARE PARTS AND LICENSES; HE REFERRED TO ISRAEL'S RESPONSE TO THE ARMS EMBARGO AS "EQUIVOCAL AND CONTRADICTORY" AND CALLED FOR AN "UNAMBIGUOUS" STATEMENT OF THE ISRAELI POSITION. THE UNITED STATES WAS MENTIONED BY NAME TWICE, BUT NOT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EMBARGO ITSELF; ONCE, WITH REGARD TO THE PRESENCE OF MILITARY ATTACHES IN SOUTH AFRICA; AND ONCE, WITH REGARD TO THE ROLE OF SOUTH AFRICAN SUBSIDIARIES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN SUPPLYING OR MANUFACTURING SUPPLIES FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY AND POLICE.

3. THE TEXT OF HARRIMAN'S STATEMENT IS NOT YET AVAILABLE, BUT AMONG HIS MOST NOTABLE VIEWS WERE THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) HE HAD HEARD REPORTS THAT A SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR TEST, PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED BY PRESSURE FROM "FRIENDLY NATIONS", WILL OCCUR SHORTLY. HE HOPED THAT THE WESTERN FIVE COULD INFORM THE COMMITTEE ON THIS DEVELOPMENT.

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MENT.

- (B) THE ARMS EMBARGO NEEDS TO BE MORE EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED. THE GREATEST OBSTACLE TO THIS IS THE LACK OF COOPERATION FROM "CERTAIN STATES".

- (C) THE EMBARGO NEEDS TO BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE: A BAN ON ALL COLLABORATION ON NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY; AN OIL EMBARGO; AND A PROHIBITION ON SOUTH AFRICAN SUBSIDIARIES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS FROM SUPPLYING OR MANUFACTURING SUPPLIES FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY OR POLICE; AND A PROHIBITION ON THE EXCHANGE OF MILITARY ATTACHES.

4. FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPEECH, AMB BISHARA (KUWAIT), CHAIRMAN OF THE ARMS EMBARGO COMMITTEE, THANKED HARRIMAN FOR HIS STATEMENT, SUGGESTED THAT IT BE PUBLISHED AS A DOCUMENT OF THE COMMITTEE AND BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. BISHARA SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE NOT DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF HARRIMAN'S SPEECH UNTIL THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAD RECEIVED THE WRITTEN TEXT OF THE SPEECH AND HAD HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW IT. BISHARA ASKED THAT THE TEXT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE

COMMITTEE AND THAT A MEETING BE SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED FOR ITS DISCUSSION. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE TO THE ABOVE PROCEDURES.

5. COMMENT. WE WILL DATAFAX THE TEXT OF HARRIMAN'S SPEECH TO THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMITTEE PROCEDURES SO THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO MORE PRECISE AND RESPONSIBLY FORMULATED QUESTIONS PRESENTED UNDER THE COMMITTEE'S OWN MANDATE. SINCE THE COMMITTEE IS CIRCULATING THE HARRIMAN STATEMENT AS A COMMITTEE DOCUMENT, HOWEVER, AND SINCE IT IS HARRIMAN WHO SPONSORED IT, WE THINK WE SHOULD PLAN TO RESPOND IN A FORM THAT

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SUITS OUR PURPOSES. A CLOSER READING OF THE STATEMENT, IN ANY EVENT, WILL LIKELY REVEAL A NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE POINTS WE WISH TO KEEP HAMMERING; CLARIFY FOR THIS COMMITTEE'S RECORD MANY FACTUAL MATTERS THAT  
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CONTINUE TO SURFACE IN THE TESTIMONY OF POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED "EXPERTS"; AND SUSTAIN A FORTHCOMING, UN-DEFENSIVE POSTURE FOR THE US. TO THE EXTENT THAT NEW FACTS ARE UNAVAILABLE FOR WESTERN REPORTING TO THE COMMITTEE, WE PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO FACE THE EFFORTS OF AFRICANS AND EASTERN EUROPEANS TO MAINTAIN COMMITTEE "MOMENTUM" THROUGH PERFORMANCES BY "EXPERTS" LIKE HARRIMAN. HE AND BISHARA UNDERSCORED THE DESIRABILITY OF CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EMBARGO COMMITTEE AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID - A NATURAL ALLIANCE FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW.

6. WE ALSO FLAG THE RECURRENT JABS IN HARRIMAN'S STATEMENT AND REMARKS MADE BY THE NIGERIAN REP ON THE COMMITTEE, INDIA AND THE EASTERN BLOC TOWARD INCLUSION OF OIL AS A MILITARY COMMODITY. END COMMENT. LEONARD

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